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SUBJECT: UPDATE OF SEA LEVEL CANAL STUDY

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- 1. THE GON WOULD HAVE GREAT INTEREST IN AN UPDATE OF INTER-OCEANIC CANAL STUDY. THE GON ATTITUDE WOULD LIKELY BE THAT A RENEWED FOCUS BY USG ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL IMPORTANCE OF NICARAGUA AS A CANAL SITE COULD LEAD TO REAPPRAISAL OF NICARAGUA'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE US.
- 2. GON PERCEPTION IS THAT IT HAS SUFFERED VIS A VIS OTHER COUNTRIES IN APPLICATION OF THE US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY PRECISELY BECAUSE THE USG HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THAT NICARAGUA IS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE US.
- 3. ALTHOUGH REFTEL DOES NOT ASK FOR VIEWS OTHER THAN BY HOST GOVERN-MENT, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED, IN THE NICARAGUAN CONTEXT, THAT ANY ACT BY THE US WHICH GIVES COMFORT TO THE GON CAUSES DISCOMFORT AMONG OPPOSITION. THIS WOULD NOT LIKELY LEAD TO ATTACK ON THE US OR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UPDATE STUDY, BUT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OPPOSITION'S GENERALIZED STATE OF FRUSTRATION.
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